

WSDOT Aviation Program Updates

Washington Transportation Commission Meeting

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Statewide Air Transportation Study

- Governor authorized in 2005 to determine current capacity and what will be needed to meet future demands.
- Consists of three phases.
- WSDOT formed a technical committee to assist with consultant selection, review and provide comment on technical papers for Phases I and II, and provide input on status reports.
- Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) has authorized \$900,000 for the study and appropriations are expected on schedule in January 2006.

Three Phase Approach

PHASE I	WHAT WE HAVE.	WSDOT to complete airport facility, passenger, air cargo and airspace inventory assessment.	To be completed by July 2006.
PHASE II	WHAT WE NEED.	WSDOT to complete an airport demand forecast and market analysis for next 25 years.	To be completed by July 2007.
PHASE III	HOW DO WE GET THERE?	Governor appointed planning council to provide recommendations for future statewide aviation needs.	To be completed by July 2009.

Next Steps

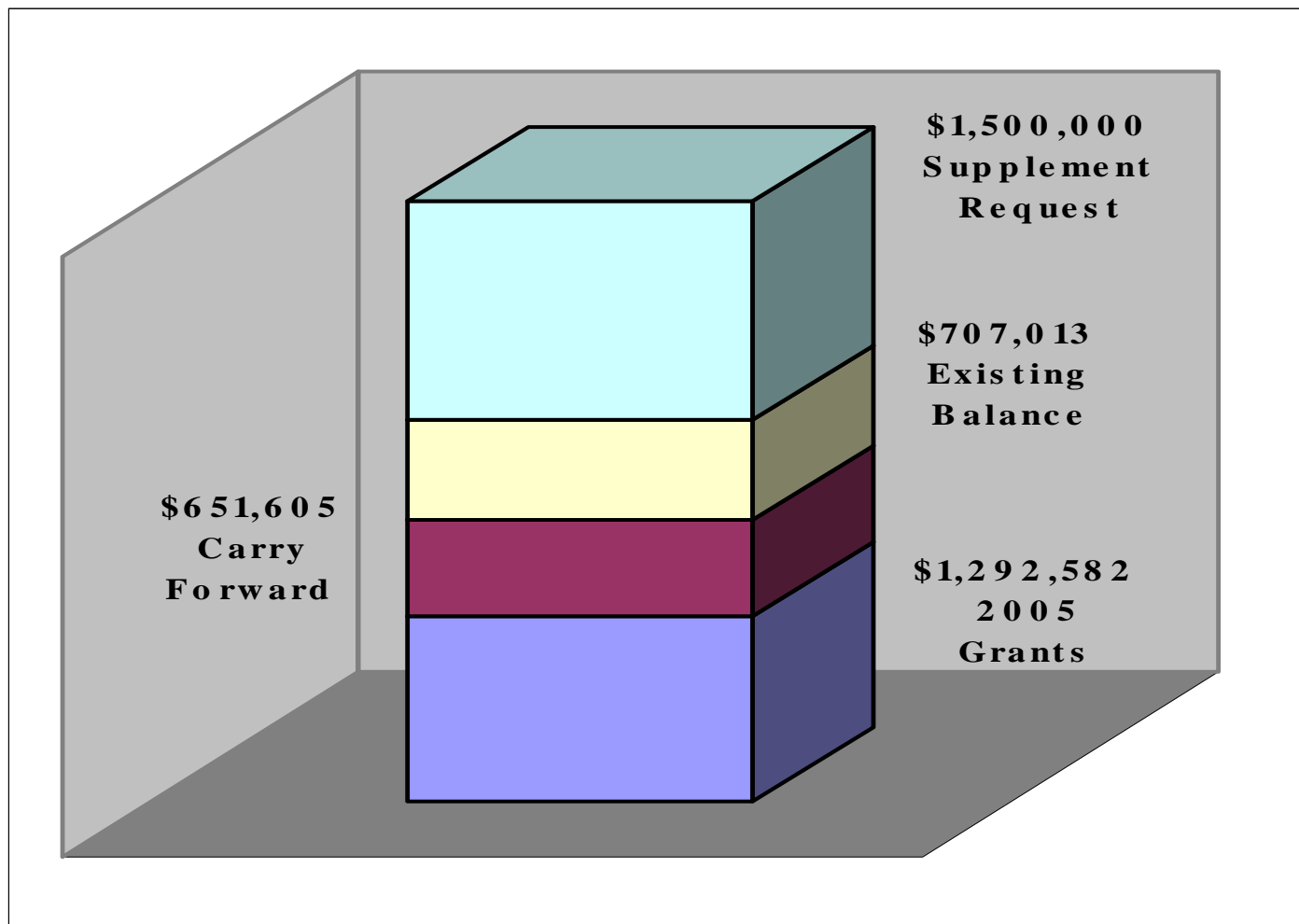
- SH & E, an internationally recognized aviation planning organization, was selected as consultant.
- Local aviation firms will assist including PRR, who will help with public outreach.
- WSDOT and FAA working to develop a Scope of Work by January 2006 for the study's first two phases.
- More information is available at:
www.wsdot.wa.gov/aviation/news/2005/05_1020ESSB5121.htm.

2001 Local Airport Aid Grant Program

- **Paving the Way** – WSDOT dedicated 72% of grants to pavement projects.
- **Leveraging Federal Dollars** – WSDOT used \$1.1 million to leverage over \$20 million from FAA.
- **Preserving Smaller Airports** – WSDOT awarded 74% of grants to smaller GA airports.
- **Exceeding Legislative Expectations** – WSDOT will spend 3 x's more the amount the Legislature mandated.



2005 – 2007 Grant Program Biennial Budget



TOTAL Budget \$4,151,200

Total includes \$1.5 million supplemental request, not yet approved by Legislature.

Recap of 2005-2007 Grants

Type of Airport	Type of Project		
	Pavement 65% \$3,687,004 72%	Safety 20% \$671,081 13%	Maint., Sec. & Plan 15% \$784,742 15%
NPIAS GA airports w/<20 based aircraft, and all non-NPIAS airports (41 airports) (55%) 74%	35.75 % \$2,877,438 56%	11% \$423,582 8%	8.25 % \$489,732 10%
All Others (48 airports) (45%) 26%	29.25 % \$809,566 16%	9% \$247,499 5%	6.75 % \$295,010 5%

Northwest Regional Air Service Grant

- \$180,000 US DOT grant to assist in improving air service to smaller Northwest communities.
- Led by consortium of Washington and Oregon Aviation Divisions and Airport Management Associations.
- Communities in Oregon and Washington share the same challenges in struggling to improve their air service.
- NW communities are limited to only a handful of airlines providing service in the region – all are tied to airline hubs in Seattle and Portland.
- Mead & Hunt selected as consultant – led by Mike Boggs.

Air Service Grant Goals

- Improve air service to smaller, underserved and overpriced communities in Washington and Oregon to reduce the need to drive long distances to access commercial service.
- Provide better access from secondary markets in Washington and Oregon to the national transportation system.
- Engage smaller communities in Washington and Oregon in finding solutions to regional air service issues.

Three Step Action Plan

- **Step 1:** Develop an air service enhancement “toolkit” that communities can use to identify reasonable air service expectations and recommendations on developing community support that would attract airlines.
- **Step 2:** Provide a community-specific analysis of air service markets, aircraft, and routes for the communities that complete the “toolkit.”
- **Step 3:** Develop strategies, based on the Phase 2 evaluation, of how to improve air service to the participating communities in the region. It is anticipated that this Phase 3 approach will identify regional strategies that would be more effective than individual community proposals.